CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 203089177528588.da3d6e56.video-1580245982

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000180.001

Medium: Video File

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not stated

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 September 2020

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	203089177528588.da3d6e56.video-	2:11
	1580245982	
Total running time:		2:11

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is an amateur video graphically depicting an execution and beheading. It is objectionable as it promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty. The video appears to be participant rather than bystander footage and allows the viewer to voyeuristically participate. The right to freedom of expression, as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, has been considered. However, this right is subject to reasonable limitations prescribed by law, and the clear intention of the FVPC Act is that publications which promote and support extreme violence and cruelty are deemed objectionable.